Abstract Proceedings of the Travancore Legislative Council.

The Council met in the Dewan's room, Public Offices, on Thursday, the 1st June 1911/19th Idavam 1086, at 12 Noon.

PRESENT

Dewan Bahadur P. Rajagopalachari, Esquire, C. I. E., Dewan ... *Presiding.*

S. Padmanabha Iyer, Esq., M. A.
N. Subrahmanya Iyer, Esq., M. A.
R. Ananda Row, Esq., B. A. & B. L.
N. Raman Pillai, Esq., B. A.
M. Krishnan Nair, Esq., B. A. & B. L.
P. Kesava Pillai, Esq., B. A. & B. L.
M. Madhavan Tampi, Esq.
R. Easwara Pillai, Esq., B. A.
D. G. Cameron, Esq.

K. Narayanan Pandalay, Esq., B. A. & B. L. ... *Secretary.*

Mr. N. Raman Pillai, B. A., the Excise Commissioner, who was requested to be present for consultation in connection with the Salt Bill, also attended.

Two petitions—one dated 13-10-1086, from Mr. C. Chakko and others of Alleppey, regarding the Court Fees Bill, and the other dated 17-10-1086, from Mr. M. Sivathanu Pillai, Assembly Member for Agasteeswaram, regarding the Salt Bill—were reported to the Council, by whose direction the same were deferred for consideration along with the Reports of the Select Committee on the respective Bills.

THE MOTOR VEHICLES BILL.

Mr. Ananda Row.—Sir, I beg leave to introduce a Bill to regulate the use of Motor Vehicles in Travancore. "Motor Vehicle" includes all vehicles constructed to be propelled, entirely or partially, by mechanical means, on roads. I need not tell you that within recent times a large number of such vehicles have been plying in Travancore. In the interest of the general public as well as of the owners and drivers of Motor Vehicles, a Bill to regulate their use is, I think, very necessary.

Permission was granted accordingly.

THE TOWNS CONSERVANCY AND IMPROVEMENT REGULATION AMENDMENT BILL.

Mr. Ananda Row.—I beg to introduce a Bill to further amend the Towns Conservancy and Improvement Regulation, III of 1076, as amended by Regulation V of 1085. Leave to introduce this Bill was sought for and obtained at a previous sitting of this Council. The Statement of Objects and Reasons published, together with the draft Bill, in the Gazette, clearly indicates the subject intended to be

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dealt with by the amendment. It is a matter on which I hope and think that there will be no two opinions. I move therefore that the principle of the Bill be affirmed.

Seconded by Mr. Subrahmanya Iyer.

Carried.

Mr. Ananda Row then proposed that the Bill be referred to a Select Committee, consisting of Messrs. Vieyra, Madhavan Tampi and the Mover, to report within two months.

Seconded by Mr. Raman Pillai.

Carried.

THE STAMP REGULATION AMENDMENT BILL.

Mr. Ananda Row.—Sir, I beg to present the Report of the Select Committee on the Stamp Regulation Amendment Bill and move that it be taken up for consideration.

Seconded by Mr. Subrahmanya Iyer.

Carried.

The Bill having been approved by the Council, Mr. Ananda Row moved that it be read again on a future day of which notice shall be given.

Seconded by Mr. Subrahmanya Iyer.

Carried.

THE REVENUE RECOVERY REGULATION AMENDMENT BILL.

Mr. Ananda Row.—In presenting the Report of the Select Committee on the Revenue Recovery Regulation Amendment Bill, I beg to move that the Council proceed to consider the same.

Seconded by Mr. Raman Pillai.

Carried.

Mr. Madhavan Tampi.—I propose that the words "due or" be inserted between the words "arrears" and "alleged" in line 5 of para 1 of Section I.

Seconded by Mr. Cameron.

Carried.

Mr. Madhavan Tampi.—Sir, the period of six months prescribed in the first proviso of the same Section is, in my opinion, a little too short. I think that parties aggrieved by the proceedings of the Revenue authorities may be allowed a year's time within which to seek redress in the Civil Courts. I therefore propose that the words "one year" be substituted for the words "six months" in line 2 of the first proviso, as well as in the last line of the second proviso.

Seconded by Mr. Cameron.

The motion was put and agreed to.

Mr. Ananda Row.—I beg to move that the Bill, as now amended, be read again on a future day of which notice shall be given.

Seconded by Mr. Subrahmanya Iyer.

Carried.

THE BREACH OF CONTRACT REGULATION AMENDMENT BILL.

Mr. Ananda Row.—Sir, I beg to present the Report of the Select Committee on the Breach of Contract Regulation Amendment Bill, and to state that Mr. Kesava

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